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TAGS: MARR, PGOV, ASEC, PHUM, PREL, PE, VE
SUBJECT: REBEL MILITARY SEEKS POLITICAL ASYLUM IN PERU

1. RADIO AND TV REPORTS CLAIM THAT A C-130 HERCULES DEPARTED VENEZUELA SOMETIME ON FRIDAY, NOV. 27, CARRYING SOME OF THE REBEL MILITARY INVOLVED IN THE COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. ALLEGEDLY, THE PLANE WITH THE REBELS AND THEIR FAMILIES LANDED IN THE CITY OF IQUITOS, IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, AMONG THE REBELS IN PERU IS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE COUP, AIR FORCE GENERAL

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FRANCISCO VISCONTI OSORIO. ONE REPORT SAID THAT THE PLANE CONTAINED A TOTAL OF 93 PERSONS, INCLUDING 47 AIR FORCE OFFICERS. A FURTHER RADIO REPORT INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU WAS STUDYING WHETHER TO GRANT POLITICAL ASYLUM TO THE REBELS. A TELEVISION REPORT CLAIMS THAT THE VENEZUELANS HAVE BEEN CHECKED INTO TOURIST HOTELS, WHILE THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT MAKES UP ITS MIND.

2. WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY OFFICIAL GOV CONFIRMATION OF THESE REPORTS, ALTHOUGH IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 27 FOREIGN MINISTER OCHOA ASSERTED

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THAT THE REBEL LEADERSHIP HAD FLED VENEZUELA AND WAS HEADED FOR A (UNNAMED) "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY." OCHOA ALSO CALLED THEM COWARDS FOR LEAVING THEIR MEN IN SUCH A MANNER.

3. FOR LIMA: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE VENEZUELAN REBELS THAT EMBASSY LIMA CAN DEVELOP. FELDER

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